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1. AGREEMENT "IN PRINCIPLE" ON FORMATION OF A NEW THREE-PARTY  
TURKISH GOVERNMENT WAS ANNOUNCED JULY 7 FOLLOWING SEPARATE  
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MEETINGS BETWEEN PRIMIN-DESIGNATE SULEYMAN DEMIREL AND RELIGIOUS-  
FUNDAMENTALIST NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP) LEADER NECMETTIN  
ERBAKAN AND BETWEEN DEMIREL AND FAR-RIGHT NATIONALIST ACTION  
PARTY (NAP) LEADER ALPASLAN TURKES. THE NEW COALITION OF THE  
NSP AND THE NAP WITH DEMIREL'S CENTER-RIGHT JUSTICE PARTY (JP),  
IF IT DOES BECOME A REALITY, WOULD BE SIMILAR IN COMPOSITION  
TO THE FOUR-PARTY NATIONALIST FRONT WHICH RULED TURKEY FROM

MARCH, 1975, TO JUNE, 1977, EXCEPT THAT THE CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (RR) WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED. (ACCORDING TO JULY 8 PRESS, RR SECRETARY GENERAL ZENGİN REITERATED JULY 7 THAT HIS PARTY WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PARTICIPATE IN A JP-NSP-NAP COALITION UNDER ANY CONDITION.)

2. THE THREE LEADERS SAID THAT THEY WOULD START WORK ON A COALITION PROTOCOL IMMEDIATELY. DEMIREL TOLD REPORTERS, "WE WORKED TOGETHER IN A GOVERNMENT FOR 26 1/2 MONTHS...IN HARMONY. I BELIEVE THAT THIS NEW GOVERNMENT WILL ALSO WORK HARMONIOUSLY." TURKES SAID THAT HIS PARTY WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT WITH DEMIREL ON NATIONAL QUESTIONS. ERBAKAN SAID THAT DURING HIS TWO-HOUR TALK WITH DEMIREL ON THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS, "WE SAW THAT THERE IS A SATISFYING UNIFORMITY OF VIEWS...WE ALSO SAW THAT ON THE MAIN PRINCIPLES (OF HOW TO SOLVE THEM) THERE WAS NO DIFFERENCE OF OPINION."

3. ADDRESSING A PRESS CONFERENCE JULY 7, CARETAKER PRİMİN ECEVİT SAID, REFERRING TO ERBAKAN'S REJECTION OF THE TERM "NATIONALIST FRONT" AS A NAME FOR THE NEW COALITION, "THEY THEMSELVES HAVE COME TO BE ASHAMED OF THE TERM 'NATIONALIST FRONT'... IT IS BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD THAT IS SPILLED THAT THIS 'NATIONALIST FRONT' HAS BECOME STAINED IN THE EYES OF THE NATION...THE ARMED DEVILS ARE NOT GOING TO BECOME ANGELS JUST BY CHANGING THEIR NAME."

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4. COMMENT: DESPITE ALL THE TALK OF IDENTICAL VIEWS AMONG DEMIREL, ERBAKAN, AND TURKES, MUCH HARD AND PROBABLY ACrimonious BARGAINING LIES AHEAD OF THEM IF THEIR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE IS TO BE TRANSLATED INTO AN ACTUAL COALITION. THE PRESS IN CRENT DAYS HAS CARRIED NUMEROUS STORIES ON THE PURPORTED DEMANDS OF THE PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS, IN MOST CASES INDICATING CONTRADICTORY GOALS. CENTRAL TO THE NSP'S LONG LIST OF REPORTED DEMANDS IS CONTROL OVER ALL THE MAIN ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL MINISTRIES AND ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT, WHILE THE NAP IS SAID TO BE DEMANDING CONTROL OVER THE COUNTRY'S INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES; IN EACH CASE, SUCH DEMANDS WOULD ENCOUNTER EXTREME RESISTANCE FROM MEMBERS OF THE OTHER PROSPECTIVE COALITION PARTIES. BOTH THE NAP AND THE NSP ARE SAID TO WANT THE EDUCATION MINISTRY AND THE VILLAGE AFFAIRS MINISTRY. ALTHOUGH THE JULY 8 MILLİYET STATES THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL GIVE 15 MINISTRIES TO THE JP, 7-8 TO THE NSP, AND 5 TO THE NAP, MOST PAPERS' LISTS HAVE SHOWN THE TWO SMALLER PARTIES DEMANDING A COMBINED TOTAL OF MINISTRIES GREATER THAN WHAT WOULD BE LEFT TO THE JP.  
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